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SUBJ: EYADEMA-ACHEAMPONG AGREE TO COOPERATE IN CEMENT-WORKS
PROJECT

1. AFTER 1/2 DAY SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON 18 SEPT IN HO, GHANA,
TOGOLESE PRESIDENT EYADEMA AND GHANAIAAN HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG
ISSUED JOINT COMMUNIQUE, PLEDGING IMPLEMENTATION OF MARCH
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT IN FIELDS OF INDUSTRY, COMMERCE,
AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS. IN THIS REGARD, STATEMENT ANNOUNCED
FORTHCOMING MEETING OF TOGOLESE AND GHANAIAAN EXPERTS TO
STUDY POSSIBILITY OF COOPERATION IN CEMENT WORKS PROJECT.
COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT TWO LEADERS WILL MEET AGAIN BEFORE END
1973.

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2. COMMENT: LATEST TOGO-GHANA AGREEMENT ADDS NEW FACTOR IN

CEMENT WORKS PROJECT WHICH HAS BEEN HIGH PRIORITY ITEM FOR GOT IN RECENT YEARS. ORIGINALLY PLAN WAS FOR CIMAO (STE DES CEMENTS DE L'AFRIQUE DE L'OUEST), JOINTLY OWNED BY GOT, IVORY COAST, AND PRIVATE FRENCH CONCERN, STE LAMBERT, TO EXPLOIT LIMESTONE RESERVES IN SE TOGO AND BUILD PLANT COSTING APPROXIMATELY DOLS 67 MILLION. PROJECT, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN STALLED BECAUSE OF LACK OF ADEQUATE FINANCING DUE TO QUESTIONABLE MARKET FOR CAPACITY CLINKER OUTPUT OF 1.2 MILLION METRIC TONS ANNUALLY. IBRD HAS BEEN PRESSED BY GOT FOR ASSISTANCE WITH THIS PROJECT, BUT HAS HELD OFF PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF MARKETING PROBLEM. REAL GHANA-TOGOLESE ACCORD ON THIS ASPECT COULD REMOVE THIS OBSTACLE.

3. OTHER ASPECTS OF HO MEETING WILL FOLLOW BY SEPTEMBER.
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